

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4877
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IMPORT OF WHEAT FLOUR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently decided to import wheat flour particularly from America and other European countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor indicating the quantum proposed to be imported, country-wise;
- (c) whether the customs duty on the import of the wheat flour has been abolished; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): Question does not arise.
- (c): Yes, Sir.
- (d): In order to augment the availability of wheat flour in the open market and to keep the prices of wheat flour under check, the Government has decided to allow import of wheat flour at zero duty w.e.f. 26th December, 2007.